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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the different varieties of fertilizers being produced by the fertilizer producing plants in the country along with their locations, plant-wise ;

(b) whether there are any varieties of fertilizers for which there is a demand but those fertilizers are not produced in the country ;

(c) is so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the time by which the country is likely to achieve self sufficiency in the production of requisite varieties of fertilizers

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a) Major fertilizers being produced in the country include urea, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), complex grade fertilizers and Single Super Phosphate (SSP). Details regarding location of the plants producing these fertilizers are indicated in the statement at Annexure.

(b)& (c)For requirement of Muriate of Potash (MOP) for which there is demand, the country is totally dependent on imports as there are no economically exploitable reserves of Potash in the country.

(d) While no definite time frame can be prescribed for increasing production of fertilizers to attain self-sufficiency, Government is working towards increasing the production capacity of chemical fertilizers, mainly urea. This is sought to be done through revival of the closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.(FCIL) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) as well as through establishment of new plants.

The Government has announced a new investment policy based on Import Parity Price (IPP) for investment in urea sector in order to promote investment in this sector and consequently to increase the indigenous production.

Production of phosphatic fertilizers in the country is dependent upon availability of raw materials/intermediates in the international market. Hence, additional capacity creation for production of DAP and complex grade fertilizers can not be anticipated definitely. However, possibilities of joint ventures with countries rich in phospahtic raw materials are being explored on a continuing basis.